



Georgia

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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# DAILY REPORT

16th  
Legislative  
Day

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- The House will reconvene for its 17th Legislative Day on Monday, February 13 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- Two bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

## Today on the Floor

### Rules Calendar

#### **HB 119 Uniform rules of the road; procedure for passing stationary vehicles; provide**

Bill Summary: HB 119 changes the 'Spencer Pass Law' by requiring drivers to move over for any vehicle displaying flashing yellow, amber, red, or blue lights.

**Authored By:** Rep. John Corbett (174th)  
**House** Motor Vehicles  
**Committee:**  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 167 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 02-07-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**  
**Amendments:**

#### **HB 120 Motor vehicles; standards for issuance of limited driving permits for certain offenders; provide**

Bill Summary: HB 120 amends the list of individuals with a suspended, revoked, or cancelled license eligible to apply for a limited driving permit by adding persons convicted of driving under the influence of a controlled substance or marijuana.

**Authored By:** Rep. John Corbett (174th)  
**House** Motor Vehicles  
**Committee:**  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 169 Nays: 2

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 02-07-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**  
**Amendments:**

#### **HB 175 Motor vehicles; federal regulations regarding safe operation of commercial motor vehicle and carriers; update reference date**

Bill Summary: HB 175 updates the 'Uniform Carriers Act' to change the effective date to January 1, 2023, to comply with federal law.

**Authored By:** Rep. Lauren Daniel (117th)  
**House** Motor Vehicles  
**Committee:**  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 171 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 02-07-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**  
**Amendments:**

#### **HB 183 Motor vehicles; temporary license plates and operating permits; revise terminology**

Bill Summary: HB 183 provides for the issuance of temporary operating permits in lieu of temporary license plates in specified instances.

**Authored By:** Rep. Matt Barton (5th)  
**House** Motor Vehicles  
**Committee:**  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 172 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 02-07-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**  
**Amendments:**

## Local Calendar

**HB 93 Mitchell County; Board of Commissioners; revise provisions of compensation**

Bill Summary: A bill to amend the compensation of the Mitchell County Board of Commissioners.

**Authored By:** Rep. Joe Campbell (171st)  
**House** Intragovernmental Coordination -  
**Committee:** Local  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 166 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:**  
**Committee** 02-08-2023 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute  
**Amendments:**

**HB 134 Dalton, City of; city council; change description of election wards**

Bill Summary: A bill to change the city council districts for the City of Dalton.

**Authored By:** Rep. Kasey Carpenter (4th)  
**House** Intragovernmental Coordination -  
**Committee:** Local  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 166 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:**  
**Committee** 02-08-2023 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute  
**Amendments:**

**HB 160 City of Albany Community Improvement Districts Act; enact**

Bill Summary: A bill to provide for the creation of community improvement districts in the City of Albany.

**Authored By:** Rep. Gerald Greene (154th)  
**House** Intragovernmental Coordination -  
**Committee:** Local  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 166 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:**  
**Committee** 02-08-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**  
**Amendments:**

**HB 199 Brooks County; appointment of county surveyor; provide**

Bill Summary: A bill to abolish the office of elected county surveyor of Brooks County.

**Authored By:** Rep. John LaHood (175th)  
**House** Intragovernmental Coordination -  
**Committee:** Local  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 166 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:**  
**Committee** 02-08-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**  
**Amendments:**

**HB 210 Harris County; levy an excise tax**

Bill Summary: A bill to authorize Harris County to levy an excise tax.

**Authored By:** Rep. Vance Smith (138th)  
**House** Intragovernmental Coordination -  
**Committee:** Local  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 166 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:**  
**Committee** 02-08-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**  
**Amendments:**

**HB 240 Clay County; Probate Court; authorize assessment and collection of technology fee**

Bill Summary: A bill to provide a technology fee for the Probate Court of Clay County.

**Authored By:** Rep. Gerald Greene (154th)  
**House** Intragovernmental Coordination -  
**Committee:** Local  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 166 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:**  
**Committee** 02-08-2023 Do Pass  
**Action:**  
**Amendments:**

**HB 255 Brantley County; Board of Education; change compensation of members**

Bill Summary: A bill to provide for the compensation of the Board of Education of Brantley County.

**Authored By:** Rep. John Corbett (174th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 166 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:**  
**Committee Action:** 02-08-2023 Do Pass  
**Amendments:**

### **Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules**

*The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 17th Legislative Day, Monday, February 13, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker. The Rules Committee will next meet on Monday, February 13, at 9:00 a.m., to set the Rules Calendar for the 18th Legislative Day.*

**HB 129 Public assistance; expand temporary assistance for needy families eligibility criteria to pregnant women**

Bill Summary: HB 129 expands the eligibility criteria for temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) to pregnant women.

**Authored By:** Rep. Soo Hong (103rd)  
**House Committee:** Public Health

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee Action:** 02-07-2023 Do Pass

**HB 139 Criminal procedure; restrictions of disclosure of personal information of nonsworn employees; provisions**

Bill Summary: HB 139 restricts disclosure of the home address, date of birth, and home telephone number of a non-sworn employee of a law enforcement agency in criminal cases in which the prosecuting attorney is required to disclose the witnesses who will testify at trial. The prosecuting attorney will instead disclose the employee's current work location/phone number. The list of witnesses whose testimony led to a criminal charge, which must be presented to a defense attorney prior to a defendant's arraignment, will also disclose the current work location/phone number of both law enforcement officers and non-sworn employees of law enforcement agencies rather than their home address, date of birth, and home telephone number. Any non-sworn employee who has left the agency or retired shall use the address and phone number of the last agency where he or she worked. Non-sworn employees of law enforcement agencies cannot be compelled to reveal their home address when testifying in their official capacity, although courts can require an employee to answer questions regarding their home address if the fact is a material issue in the proceeding.

**Authored By:** Rep. Clint Crowe (118th)  
**House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee Action:** 02-06-2023 Do Pass

## Committee Actions

*Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office and are placed on the General Calendar.*

### Education Committee

#### **HB 81 Education; eligibility criteria for certain capital outlay grants for low-wealth school systems; revise**

**Bill Summary:** HB 81 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-262 to revise the eligibility criteria for project-specific capital outlay grants for low-wealth school systems. Under the bill's provisions, the eligibility criteria are that a local school system must be currently, or in the most recent three years, ranked in the bottom 25 percent of school systems in sales revenue per full-time equivalent (FTE) student count and value of property per FTE student count. For local school systems in which the amount of special purpose local option sales tax revenues is ranked in the bottom 25 percent of eligible local school systems receiving such sales tax revenues, that system may submit a request to the Department of Education for consideration. The system must commit five years of such revenues to the project.

Educational facilities must be more than 35 years old to be consolidated. Once a local school system has received a capital outlay grant and its need is met as determined by the department, it is not eligible to receive another grant for a period of 10 years. The State Board of Education establishes rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this bill.

**Authored By:** Rep. John Corbett (174th)  
**House Committee:** Education

**Committee Action:** 02-09-2023 Do Pass

#### **HB 87 Nontraditional Special Schools Act; enact**

**Bill Summary:** HB 87 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-154.1 relating to alternative education programs and charters to provide for the transition of system-collaborative charter schools to completion special schools by July 1, 2023. Any system-collaborative charter school that did not transition to become an alternative charter school by July 1, 2021, will operate as a state chartered special school. If the state chartered special school does not transition to a completion special school by July 1, 2023, the school will cease operating upon expiration of its current charter with the State Board of Education. The board may not expand the current attendance zone of the school.

HB 87 establishes Article 31C of Title 20 which creates the 'Completion Special Schools Act'. The board will adopt policies for the establishment, funding, and operation of completion special schools, which focus on dropout recovery/prevention or high school credit recovery for grades nine through 12. The board is authorized to provide up to \$5 million in grant funding to encourage and authorize the creation of new completion special schools, subject to appropriation. The board will adopt policies for the dissolution or temporary dissolution of a completion special school upon the recommendation of the state school superintendent for failure to comply with the requirements of Article 31C.

**Authored By:** Rep. Chris Erwin (32nd)  
**House Committee:** Education

**Committee Action:** 02-09-2023 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Insurance Committee

**HB 63 Insurance; insurers providing policies for groups of 20 or more to furnish claims experience at the request of a group policyholder; require**

Bill Summary: HB 63 allows group policyholders with at least 20 covered employees to receive claims experience from the insurance company.

**Authored By:** Rep. Noel Williams (148th)  
**House Committee:** Insurance

**Committee Action:** 02-09-2023 Do Pass

**HB 85 Insurance; require health benefit policy coverage for biomarker testing if supported by medical and scientific evidence**

Bill Summary: HB 85 requires health benefit policies to include coverage for biomarker testing for diagnosis, treatment, management, or ongoing monitoring of a disease or condition.

**Authored By:** Rep. Sharon Cooper (45th)  
**House Committee:** Insurance

**Committee Action:** 02-09-2023 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Judiciary Committee

**HB 91 Wills, trusts and administration of estates; notices to beneficiaries regarding issuance of letters testamentary; require**

Bill Summary: HB 91 concerns notice requirements for beneficiaries of wills, requiring a personal representative of an estate to send notice to all beneficiaries within 30 days of issuance of letters and requiring filing notices with the probate court within 60 days of issuance. An estate personal representative who fails to comply with these requirements absent sufficient cause may be cited to appear and show cause.

**Authored By:** Rep. Will Wade (9th)  
**House Committee:** Judiciary

**Committee Action:** 02-09-2023 Do Pass

**HB 176 Courts; increase amount of court reporters' monthly contingent expense and travel allowance**

Bill Summary: HB 176 amends O.C.G.A. 15-14-6 to increase the amounts paid per month to superior court reporters as a contingent expense and travel allowance.

**Authored By:** Rep. Stan Gunter (8th)  
**House Committee:** Judiciary

**Committee Action:** 02-09-2023 Do Pass

**HB 182 Property; curing defective deeds and other instruments; revise provisions**

Bill Summary: HB 182 aligns the Georgia recording statute regarding deeds and other instruments with the savings statute in O.C.G.A. 44-2-18, allowing an improperly executed instrument to be corrected by having the savings statute apply to both attestations and acknowledgments.

**Authored By:** Rep. Matt Reeves (99th)  
**House Committee:** Judiciary

**Committee Action:** 02-09-2023 Do Pass

## Transportation Committee

### HB 189 Highways, bridges, and ferries; allowable variance for weight limitations upon a vehicle or load; provide for

**Bill Summary:** HB 189 provides for a 12.5 percent variance to the 80,000 pound gross vehicle weight limit for all trucks. The bill removes the requirement for such loads to be within a certain radius of point of origin and point of processing. The bill provides penalties for violations. When the vehicle weight is less than 95,000 pounds, a penalty of five cents per pound over the allowed weight limit, not including any variance, is assessed. When the vehicle weight is greater than 95,000 pounds, the penalty is 10 cents per pound over the allowed weight limit, not including any variance. For loads greater than 100,000 pounds, the penalty is 15 cents per pound for all excess over allowable weight, not including any variance.

**Authored By:** Rep. Steven Meeks (178th)  
**House Committee:** Transportation

**Committee Action:** 02-09-2023 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Committee Meeting Schedule

*This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change. To keep up with the latest schedule, please visit [www.legis.ga.gov](http://www.legis.ga.gov) to view all upcoming events.*

### Monday - February 13, 2023

8:00 AM	<a href="#">Appropriations Transportation Subcommittee (House)</a>	406 CLOB	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
9:00 AM	<a href="#">RULES COMMITTEE (House)</a>	341 CAP	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
10:00 AM	<a href="#">FLOOR SESSION (LD 17) (House)</a>	House Chamber	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	
1:00 PM	<a href="#">Appropriations Higher Education Subcommittee (House)</a>	415 CLOB	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
1:00 PM	<a href="#">Appropriations Public Safety Subcommittee (House)</a>	506 CLOB	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
1:00 PM	<a href="#">Education Policy Subcommittee Meeting (House)</a>	515 CLOB	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
1:00 PM	<a href="#">HUMAN RELATIONS &amp; AGING COMMITTEE (House)</a>	406 CLOB	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
1:30 PM	<a href="#">JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL COMMITTEE (House)</a>	132 CAP	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
2:00 PM	<a href="#">HEALTH COMMITTEE (House)</a>	403 CAP	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
2:00 PM	<a href="#">Education Curriculum Subcommittee (House)</a>	515 CLOB	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
2:30 PM	<a href="#">Appropriations Human Resources Subcommittee (House)</a>	406 CLOB	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
3:00 PM	<a href="#">Appropriations Education Subcommittee (House)</a>	415 CLOB	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	